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Description of Submarines in Riga

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- 1 Navigational data; harbor installations.
- 2 Sighting of the following naval vessels:
five KRONSTADT-class subchasers and a group
of 15-20 unidentified naval vessels; one
unidentified subchaser and
seven submarines
of the same class) /probably
W class/ , and two
(of another class).
- 3 Description of submarines
carried a special flag, had a
different shaped conning tower on top of which
were two tubes, connected at the top by a
band. Description of submarines,
an antenna consisting
of crossed squares, square-shaped cylinder aft
of the conning tower. (See sketches.)

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1. [redacted] lying in the position 57°12' N/23°30' E was a large warship, hull length about 200 meters, 2 stacks, on the bow and stern 2 pieces of artillery each [redacted]
2. Coming away from this warship were 6 submarines [redacted] which sailed in the direction of Riga and were later lying at anchor on the river. [redacted]
3. In the Winter Harbor/harbor of Riga was a 7th submarine [redacted]
4. The subs [redacted] were the same type.
5. Those [redacted] were of another type but alike in form. [redacted]
6. Description of submarines [redacted] N.E. The conning tower and flag (bunting, colors) were a special model.

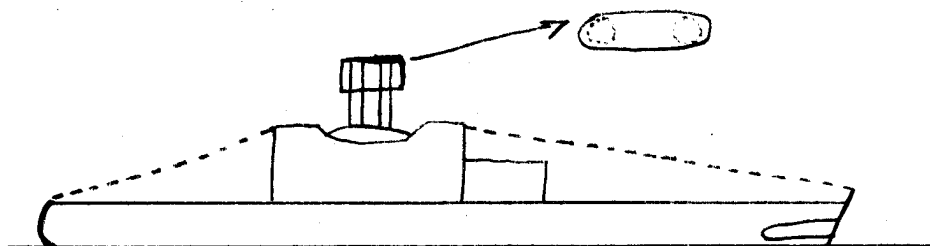
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Identification: A group of 4 ships of same shape [redacted]

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Shape of conning tower: On the bow, hooks on the hull, as well as on the stern, but sticking out at half the height lower. On the top in the middle an excavation of about 40 cm. deep; here, running the long way, 2 dark green tubes about 20 cm. diameter and about 2 meters long. Space between the tubes about 50 cm. The 2 tubes were connected at the top by means of a band about 30 cm. wide, closed around and on the upper side; whole thing dark green in color, but not a copper green.

Shape of ship: Hull length about 80 meters. Conning tower about 5 m.

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long. Conning tower about 3 m. tall. /Flush deck. There were bracing wires from the tower to the bow and stern.

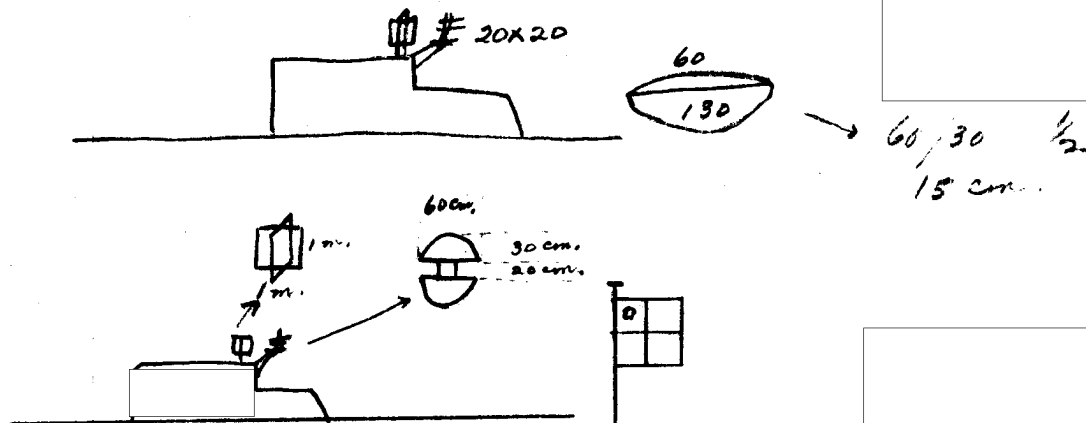
Armament/radar: Noted none.

Att [REDACTED]

Flag: White flag with upright red cross. In upper left corner an emblem which could not be distinguished.

7. Description of submarines [REDACTED]

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Identification: 3 subs of same type [REDACTED]

Conning tower: On the bow, hooks on the hull, rounded off from above, somewhat before the middle of the ship. Stern was bayonet shaped, with the bottom part slanting down.

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Shape of ship: Hull length about 50 meters.

Armament: Not observed. Nose about 50 cm. above water level.

Radar/radio: On the stern barrel an antenna - crossed square - with a diameter of about 1 meter. Length of mast on which the antenna was about 20 cm.

Details:

1. On the back of the conning tower an elliptical form, later square-shaped cylinder (boiler, container) of 20 x 20 cm. At the top of this on both sides 3 hemispherical plates on top of each other, of 60 cm. in diameter, with a space of 15 cm. in between, plates about 13 mm. thick. Height of cylinder above conning tower about 1 meter. Whole thing painted same color as the boat.
2. In front of the bridge a red/white telephone buoy.
3. Flag with upright red cross and unidentifiable emblem (red) in upper left corner.

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1. During period of observation, saw the following Russian naval vessels:

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1 naval vessel, Krohnstadt type

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in the position 57°29'12" N/21°30'35" E. The ship

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shone a strong searchlight. Then the light was directed above so that the following flag signs were observed on the naval vessel: "The sign DF meaning in international code, "You may anchor inposition". The "1" means probably buoy no. 1 in the above named position, that is the first buoy of the navigation route to Riga given in the NEWEDEI.

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1 Russian squadron consisting of 15 to 20 vessels, lying along the coast beside each other somewhat in a tangle, on 3 Sept. 1957 at 23:15 in about the position 57°39'05" N/21°54'07" E. The squadron was armoured

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2 ships with hull length about 150-200 meters.

5 ships with hull length about 100 m.

5 to 10 ships of unestimated hull length.

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Cruising around the squadron were 3 naval vessels of the Krohnstadt type.

the 2 Krohnstadt type ships sailed away in the direction of the island of RUHNU.

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1 naval vessel lying still in the position 57°12' N/23°30' E. Hull about 200 m. long, 2 stacks, on the bow two guns, the same on the stern.

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6 submarines.

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Ships were the same type

The ships were sailing toward Riga and were later anchored in the river. At night at their extreme ends the ships had purple lights.

1 submarine, moored at pt. 3 of harbor sketch (Winter Harbor).

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1 naval vessel, Krohnstadt type, lying still on 5 Sept. to the west of buoy no. 4.

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no other naval vessels.

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A. Nautical data

2. At pt. 4 a bucket dredger was working. Estimated bucket content about 300 liters. Dredger scoops on both sides of the dredger. Whole thing looked old.

B. Shipyards - None observed, nor places for repairs.

C. Harbor installations

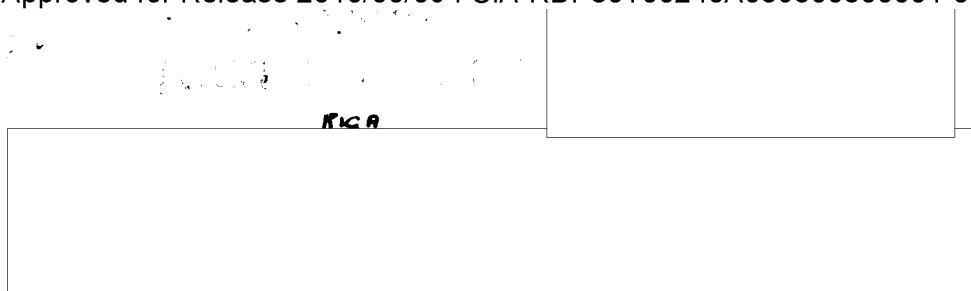
1. Pier [] is made of basalt (granite) blocks and is 2 m. above water level. The pavement is concrete ~~about~~ about 35 m. wide. Behind this lay an unestimated amount of coke. 3 sunken railway tracks in the pavement.
2. On the whole pier - including the part after the refrigeration house - are 20 movable cranes of 3 to 5 tons hoisting capacity.
3. Behind the refrigeration house (pt. 7) was a grain train with closed cars. The cars were connected with a pipe of 0.50 m. across. Shore contact said this was a silo train.
4. Total of 725 tons of coke were loaded. Began at 13:00 and were finished at 23:00.

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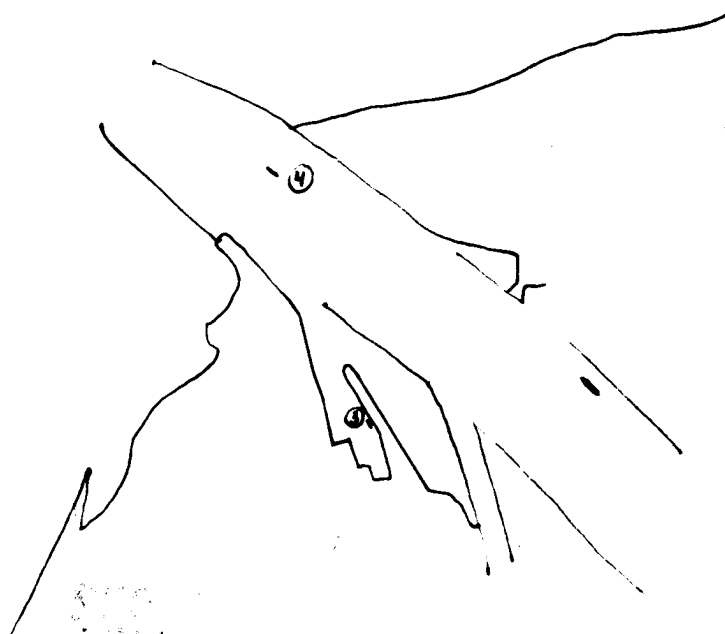
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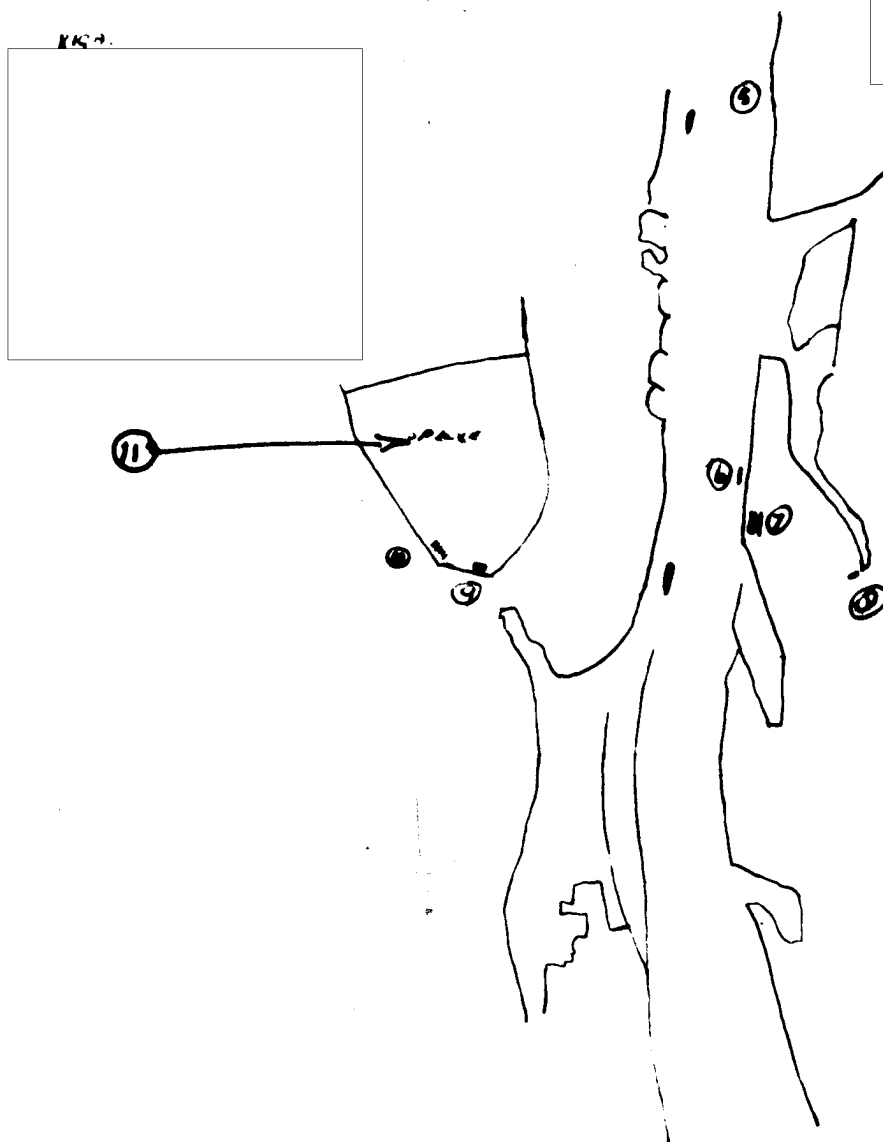
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